

REMARKS

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect one of the following species:

- I. Figs. 3-7;
- II. Figs. 8 and 9; or
- III. Fig. 10.

Applicant hereby elects Species I, a first embodiment, depicted in Figures 3-7, and believes that claims 1-4, 11-14 and 20 are readable thereon. It is believed that claims 1 and 12 are generic to each of the species. Applicant reserves the right to submit any Divisional patent applications directed toward the non-selected invention.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's determination that there is not a generic claim and believes that claims 1 and 12 are generic to all the claims presented in the present Application. Each of the two independent claims 1 and 12 of the present invention read on each of the three designated species, including figures 3-7, 8-9 and 10. Independent claim 1 describes "a retaining device comprising at least a main body moveably received in said space"; and independent claim 12 describes "a retaining device comprising a main body moveably received in the space". These features are presented in all three species. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.


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An early action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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